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SUBJ: FAREWELL CALL ON MINTOFF

1. MY FAREWELL CALL ON MINTOFF JULY 15 WAS SOMEWHAT SHADOWED BY NEWS JUST RECEIVED OF CYPRUS COUP AND MAKARIOS' PRESUMED DEATH WHICH HAD JUST ARRIVED. MINTOFF WAS UNDERSTANDABLY MOVED BY THIS EVENT.

2. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MEDITERRANEAN AND MID-EAST SITUATION, MINTOFF ARGUED, AS HE APPARENTLY HAS WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS, THAT EUROPE AND ARAB NATIONS SHOULD WORK MUCH MORE COOPERATIVELY, AND SUGGESTED THAT US SHOULD BE STRIVING TO ENCOURAGE THIS. WHILE HE DID NOT DIRECTLY SAY THAT US SHOULD WORK THROUGH EUROPE (AND MALTA) IN ITS RELATIONS WITH ARABS, HIS REMARKS SEEMED TO BE POINTING IN THAT DIRECTION. I MADE IT POLITELY CLEAR THAT US NEEDED NO SURROGATE TO HANDLE ITS RELATIONS WITH MID-EAST COUNTRIES, POINTING TO SECRETARY'S SUCCESS AS EVIDENCE.

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3. PICKING UP A GENERAL MINTOFF REMARK THAT US SHOULD

BE SATISFIED WITH HIS FOREIGN POLICY POSTURE, I TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD STILL LIKE HIM TO AGREE TO SIXTH FLEET VISITS TO MALTA. MINTOFF'S ANSWER WAS THAT WE SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, BECAUSE IF HE ALLOWED RESUMPTION OF SIXTH FLEET VISITS, HE COULD COME UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM SOVIET UNION FOR SIMILAR PRIVILEGES. WHILE I EXPRESSED MY BELIEF HE COULD RESIST SUCH PRESSURES, POINT WAS NOT FURTHER PURSUED.

4. DURING CONVERSATION WE DISCUSSED POTENTIAL MOTOROLA CORPORATION INVESTMENT. AND MINTOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT QUESTION OF OPIC INVESTMENT GUARANTEE HAD ARISEN. I REMINDED HIM THAT IN 1972, WHEN I INFORMED HIM OF COMPONENTS OF US BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT INVESTMENT GUARANTEES WOULD BE SUSPENDED PENDING SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF WESTINGHOUSE CLAIM. AT THIS, MINTOFF HINTED THAT HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO GO AS HIGH AS ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENT, WHICH IS CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN HE HAS OFFERED IN THE PAST. (EUR/NE MAY WISH TO PASS THIS TO WESTINGHOUSE. I HAVE ALSO LEARNED FROM CHIEF JUSTICE THAT WESTINGHOUSE APPEAL WILL NOT COME UP AGAIN UNTIL OCTOBER. GETZ

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